



ADAMS SENTINEL
GETTYSBURG

MONDAY, FEB. 4, 1856.

The "Teachers' Association" was in session on Thursday and Friday last, holding their meetings in Christ Church. Rev. Dr. Southwick, delivered an address on Friday forenoon, and Mr. McKim, Deputy State Superintendent, in the afternoon. We have not yet been furnished with an account of their proceedings.

Exhibition.
The pupils of Mr. Austin's school had their annual exhibition on Thursday evening, in McCaughey's Hall. The house was crowded to overflowing, which was very encouraging to the teacher, inasmuch as it proves that all his efforts are not in vain, but were answered by the smiles and cheers of the audience. Such demonstrations of satisfaction on the part of parents and friends do much to cheer the teacher in his arduous duty, and the pupils have very creditable to them. This generation appears to be the one.

"To extend the Yankee nation" just to where they please.
The great weight of snow on the roofs tries the strength of the supporting timbers. Within the past week, several in this place have given way. Part of the large carriage shed of Mr. John L. Tappan was crushed in, and a buggy of Mr. Grammer, which was therein, was much injured. The roof of a large barn of Mr. D. Ziegler, on a lot in Middle street, so fell in, and a stable of Mr. D. Knecht's in the same street.

On Tuesday last, a German stole a horse and sleigh from the yard of Mr. Beaver, hotel keeper in Chambersburg, and passed through this place on Wednesday. He was pursued and overtaken at Taneytown, by several persons from Chambersburg. He was brought here on Wednesday night, and taken on to Chambersburg on the following day.

Legislative.
The supplement to the Act incorporating the Gettysburg Railroad Company, which passed the Senate on the 24th inst., was brought up again in that body, on Monday last, on a motion of Mr. Welsh, of York, to reconsider the vote. The motion to reconsider prevailed by a vote of 19 to 12, and it was then determined to postpone the bill for the present, 21 to 9. We learn that all opposition to the bill has been withdrawn, and that there is no doubt of its passage. The supplement yields what is termed the "Tape worm" to the Gettysburg Railroad.

The bill to increase the pay of jurors and witnesses has passed the House of Representatives on a second reading. The bill increases the pay of jurors to \$1.50 per day, and witnesses to \$1 per day.

The bill relative to the fees of Aldermen, Justices of the Peace, and Constables, passed the House last night. It repeals the Act of 1824, and increases the fee of 1844.

A resolution passed the House on Monday last, 41 to 36, to adjourn from Friday, Feb. 15, to Monday the 25th, at 3 P. M. It has since passed the Senate.

The liquor bill of Mr. Wilkins was up before the Senate on Tuesday, and Mr. Wilkins addressed that body at length upon the subject. Substitutes were offered by Messrs. Browne and McIntock, and the consideration of the bill was postponed for the present.

On Tuesday last, in the House, Mr. Robinson read in his plan a bill to change the place of holding elections in Huntingdon and Lantime townships, Adams county.

The sentimental interest on the State debt, which fell due on the 1st inst., was promptly met. The Treasury is in a good condition, with ample funds to meet every demand on it.

The Rev. B. SUTHERLAND, of Middle-town, Pa., has accepted a call from St. John's Lutheran Congregation of Boston, soon to be vacated by the removal of Rev. Dr. C. F. SUTHERLAND to Gettysburg, to assume the duties of Professor of German in Pennsylvania College and Theological Seminary.

A lamentable occurrence took place a few days ago at Pennsylvania Furnace, Blair county. A dispute arose between the manager, Mr. George LYON, and a carter, about hauling. After some sharp words between them, the carter advanced towards Mr. Lyon, in a threatening way, when the latter struck him with the butt end of a whip, and hitting him on the temple, it produced instant death. We do not know whether it is the Mr. Lyon, who formerly resided in this county, but presume it is.

On the 26th ult., James Wright, of York county, a man of dissipated character, fell or threw himself from the top of a lime-kiln, near McCall's Ferry, causing his death in a few hours. He had expressed an intention of throwing his life away.

A collision occurred on the Michigan Southern Railroad, near Hillsdale, on Wednesday night, between the Eastern and Western trains. Four persons were killed, and several injured. The baggage car, with all the mail, was burned.

Mr. Daniel Smith, residing a few miles below Funkstown, committed suicide on Saturday week, by drowning himself in a spring near his residence. He was a very clever, amiable, and industrious man, and had brought a fine large farm the Tuesday previous. He was over 40 years of age, and had a wife and three children.

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In the Senate of the U. States, on Monday last, Mr. Adams, of Miss. introduced a bill to amend the naturalization laws. This bill requires 21 years' continuous residence prior to the time of making application, and no foreigner is permitted to declare his intention to become a citizen until he has resided at least ten years in the country. It prohibits all vessels sailing under the laws of the U. States, or any foreign vessel coming to the United States, to bring into any port or waters, or land in any of the Territories, any person of foreign birth, unless he deposits a certificate, properly authenticated, from the U. S. consul, showing that such foreigner is of good character, and has never been convicted of any criminal offense or been a public pauper; all persons offending to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction subject to a fine of \$500.

In the U. S. Senate, on Wednesday a resolution was adopted, 28 to 21, appropriating \$1500 for the relief of the poor in the District; the money to be placed in the hands of the Mayors of Georgetown and Washington.

The steamer Africa sailed from Boston on Wednesday, for Liverpool, with \$304,000 in specie.

Recent dispatches from Mr. Wheeler, the U. S. minister to Nicaragua, represent that Walker's military forces amount to 1200 men, and say that Nicaragua will ultimately succeed in perfecting the union of all the Central American States.

Parker H. French, Esq., has again made a formal application to our Government at Washington, to be received as Minister, but as the former objections to him and his Government have not been removed, the probability is that he will be disappointed.

A destructive fire took place at Manchester, N. H., on Tuesday. The newspaper offices of the Manchester American, the Mirror, the Union Democrat, and the Stars and Stripes, also the City Library, Sheriff's office, and several stores and law offices were destroyed. The loss is very heavy.

The cold weather has penetrated to the Orange groves and Sugar fields of the sunny South. In Louisiana and Florida, the Orange trees have suffered severely—in Texas the thermometer has been one degree below zero on the upper Brazos, and at Little Rock, Arkansas, they are filling ice houses from their frozen streams.

The Legislature of Maryland has fixed on Thursday next, to go into the election of an U. S. Senator, to succeed Ex-Governor Peatt.

There has been some difficulty at Dickinson College. Four students were expelled, and about 100 of their brethren revolted, and threatened to leave the Institution unless they were reinstated. The matter was arranged in some manner—but how we cannot say.

The Philadelphia Democratic City Convention assembled on Wednesday last, to appoint Delegates to the State Convention, and unanimously instructed them to support Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency.

The candidates for Delegates to the State Convention, took an oath in the morning, that they were not, and did not intend to become, members of any organization prohibiting citizens in consequence of their birth-place or religion. The evidences are now, that Mr. Buchanan will receive the unanimous vote of the State Convention.

Snow drifts and ice on the tracks of the railroads north and east, have been the occasion of a great delay in travel in the early part of last week, and of serious accidents in various quarters. The mails have never been so irregular as within the last few weeks.

The woolen carpet factory of Joseph Garside, in Philadelphia, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday last. Loss about \$80,000. By this disaster 180 persons are thrown out of employment. Four frame dwellings were also consumed, and their poor occupants rendered homeless.

Captain Stribick, Commander Fort, and Lieut. Biddle, representing the three grades of the Naval Retiring Board, were summoned before the Naval Committee of the Senate at Washington on Wednesday, and interrogated concerning the reason for the dismissal of the 201 naval officers. This is the first time the action of the Board has been officially questioned.

Hon. Thomas Corwin.—A letter from Cincinnati, from a relative of Mr. Corwin, is said, states that he is progressing favorably under the severe injury recently received by him from a fall, though it would probably result in a permanent lameness.

Chief Justice Taney.—The whole country, says the Union, will be rejoiced to learn that the venerable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States has so far recovered from his late severe and protracted illness as to be able to resume his high official duties. He appeared in his seat in the Supreme Court on Monday.

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Railroad Accident.

The eleven o'clock express train from Philadelphia on Monday night, was thrown from the track near Hesstonville, on the Columbia Railroad, by the breaking of a rail. One gentleman was killed, and a large number injured. Amongst those injured was Dr. EDWARD G. FARNESTOCK, of this place, who received a very severe cut. We are happy to learn, that it is not at all serious, and that he may be expected home in a week or two. The Philadelphia Ledger of Wednesday has the following particulars of the accident:

The train consisted of a locomotive, baggage car and two passenger cars, and was going up the grade at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour, when a rail broke in three places and threw the front wheel of the forward passenger car from the track; the momentum of the train caused this car to regain its position on the track, but the rear car was thrown off, and the axle breaking, it was precipitated down the embankment of about twenty feet. In the descent the car struck a large tree, which split the car open and enabled the passengers to crawl out of the wreck. This was a fortunate circumstance, as the fire in the stove being scattered about by the descent of the car, the wood work on fire almost immediately, and but for the facility afforded for their escape, some of the wounded would have perished in the flames before relief could have been afforded them. The uninjured passengers and the attendants of the road did all in their power to rescue the wounded from the wreck, and as rapidly as possible they were removed to the forward car and made as comfortable as the facilities at hand would allow. When all were rescued and the track repaired, the train returned to the city, reaching the depot about half past 3 o'clock, A. M.

There were upwards of 40 passengers in the car. One of the passengers, Mr. Abraham B. Hart, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was killed. He was found with a portion of the car upon his neck and breast. When taken from that position he was insensible, and remained so until he died, about half an hour afterwards. Everything that could be done for him under the peculiar circumstances, was done, but up to the time he died he did not appear to recognize any one, or complain of his situation. The body was placed in ice to await instructions from his friends in Cincinnati, who were advised of the sad calamity by a telegraphic despatch. Yesterday afternoon an answer was received from the father of the deceased, who directed that the remains should be forwarded to Cincinnati as soon as possible. In accordance with these instructions the body will be sent on by Adams' express this morning. The deceased was a member of the firm of William B. Hart & Son, merchants of that city, and in his possession were found the evidences of his having purchased largely of goods in this city and New York; and among other papers a ticket for a through passage from New York to Cincinnati. He was about 22 years of age, and is spoken of by Philadelphians who knew him very well, to be a young man of exemplary character. Mr. Hart was with the deceased on Monday evening until a short time before the train started, and advised him to wait for the morning train, but he was anxious to get home as soon as possible, and preferred going in the train which caused his death.

Mr. Thomas S. Watson, merchant, of St. Louis, Mo., received a severe injury at the thigh and was bruised in different parts of the body.

Mr. D. A. Finney, member of the State Senate from Erie District, received several bad bruises, and one of his eyes appeared to be injured. Both were much swollen, but yesterday afternoon were better.

Mr. E. G. Farnestock, of Gettysburg, was cut under the right eye and down the cheek to the neck.

Nicholas Sheeran, of Paoli, was slightly cut in two places on one arm and burned about the neck and hands.

John Hoffman, of Washington county, Pa., was slightly bruised about the neck.

Thomas Craig, of Carbon county, and General William Little, of the same county, were burned about the head and hands, and the latter gentleman received a cut in his hand.

Mr. Flint, of this city, and Mr. Sterling, of Pittsburgh, were also slightly cut and bruised.

Rev. Anson Road, of this city, was cut in the head and considerably bruised.

Mr. Cummins, of Lehighport, Ind., was but slightly bruised.

Mr. R. B. Gileys, of Johnstown, Pa., Mr. Francis, one of the employees on the Columbia Railroad, and Messrs. Dunning, Anderson, Jones, Worthington, R. Roberts, Moore, Kelly, Patterson, Chambers, Bull, Search, Johnson and Washington were also in the car, and received cuts and bruises of a very slight character. The most of these gentlemen started for their homes yesterday morning.

The intensity of the cold heightened the sufferings of the wounded. There was no heat near the spot, and the only place of refuge was the retreating passenger car, the baggage car. The scene is described as most appalling. There were no women or children in the car that went down the embankment.

From a letter which has been received from Dr. Farnestock, we learn that on his way down to Philadelphia, on the Thursday night previous, the car in which he was, was thrown off the track about 25 miles from Philadelphia and turned over, but being at a level piece of ground no special damage was done.

Good.—A few days ago a party of married men in Doylestown, Bucks county, took a sleigh-ride to the upper end of the county for the purpose of having a little fun; and like heartless creatures as they were, left their wives behind. The liege lords had no sooner started on their journey of fun than their wives planned and carried out a sleigh-ride for their own enjoyment and amusement. When the husbands returned, they were surprised to learn that their wives had been playing the same game.

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The Way to Succeed.

The question of the next Presidency beginning to be agitated in various quarters. All appear to agree, that if the elements of opposition to the present Administration, (Whig, Republican and American) could unite upon some common platform, there would be no doubt of success; and that unless something of this kind is done, the candidate of the Democracy must inevitably triumph. This is clearly the case.

The *Leicester Gazette*, an old fashioned Whig paper, expresses itself in favor of the election of Mr. Fillmore, and throws out some views as to the manner in which the nomination should be made. It says, "The Whig party should be united upon the ground of Americanism, and should not be divided to rule America," and second, a complete reformation in the Nationalization laws, without any other side issues.

The *Philadelphia News*, in substance, approves of the suggestions of the *Gazette*, and remarks as follows:

"We have no respect for, nor confidence in, a sectional political organization, and cannot therefore sympathize or act with the Republican party. Nor have we any more regard for Know Nothingism. Such is the case with thousands of liberal minded and independent men opposed to the so-called Democracy, all of whom would unite cordially in an open American organization on a broad national platform. Like the editor of the *Gazette*, we do not know what hopes or fears, or expectations govern those who seem to act as leading politicians; and are endeavoring to mould public opinion in what they are pleased to term 'a union of the opponents of the present administration,' but we do know that unless their tactics are changed, there will be as complete a discomfiture of that opposition next fall as has been witnessed for the last twenty-five years. There is but one ground on which there can be a grand rally; and that is as National Americans, with an open organization, exempt from secret lodges, unshackled by oaths and obligations, and free from all religious tests. Let the National American Convention which assembles in this City, on the 22d inst., abolish Know Nothingism, make an open organization, with a set of American principles, and then nominate a candidate in whom the people have confidence—let this be done, openly and publicly, boldly and fearlessly, in an honest, straightforward manner, and a more potent power than intriguing politicians, the people, the bone and sinew of the land, will second it. Sectional factionism may here and there raise its head, may even bring a third candidate into the field, but at least in this State, thousands of Whigs and Democrats who have a genuine sympathy for true Americanism will come in to the rescue and overwhelm all opposition."

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CONGRESS.

A SPEAKER Elected.

"The long agony is over," and the House of Representatives of the United States has at last organized, after a protracted struggle of nine weeks.

On the 2d inst., a resolution was adopted, 113 to 104, in favor of election by a plurality of votes; and when the ballot for Speaker was taken under this resolution, Mr. BANKS, of Massachusetts, was elected by the following vote:—Banks 103; Aiken, 100; Fuller 6; Campbell 4; Wells 1.—Mr. Banks belongs to the Republican party, which has lately sprung up in the North, and is based on Free Soilism. Mr. Banks was then conducted to the Chair, and addressed the House as follows:

"Before I proceed to complete the acceptance of the office which you have conferred upon me, I avail myself of your indulgence to express my obligation for the honor conferred upon me."

It would afford far greater pleasure were it accompanied by the assurance that I could bring to the discharge of the arduous and delicate duties (always difficult, but now fraught with unusual difficulties) now entrusted with unusual difficulties, any capacities commensurate with their responsibility and dignity.

I can only say that I shall bear myself, so far as I am able, with fidelity to the interests and institutions of the country and government, and with impartiality so far as regards the rights of the members of this House.

I have no personal objects to accomplish—I am animated by the single desire of contributing, in some little degree, to the maintenance of the well-established principles of our government in their original American significance, and in developing that portion of the continent which we occupy, so far as we may do so within the legitimate power conferred upon us, enlarging and swelling the capacity for beneficent influences both at home and abroad, and maintaining intact, and in perpetuity, the inestimable principles transmitted to us.

I am aware that neither myself nor any other man is equal to the perfect accomplishment of those duties. I am, therefore, as a man must be in such a presence, a suppliant for your indulgence and assistance; and I again return my thanks for the honor which you have conferred on me.

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